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SUBJECT: COUNTRY TEAM ASSESSMENT FOR JORDANIAN ARMED FORCES  
(JAF) REQUEST FOR A SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS MONITORING  
SYSTEM

1 ON 2 APRIL 2003 THE JORDANIAN ARMED FORCES (JAF) SUBMITTED  
A LETTER OF REQUEST (LOR) FOR A LETTER OF OFFER AND  
ACCEPTANCE (LOA) FOR A SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS MONITORING  
SYSTEM WITH THE FOLLOWING SPECIFICATIONS:

- [1A](#). FREQUENCY RANGE OF 3600-4200 MHZ AND 1400-1700 MHZ
- [1B](#). LOW NOISE AMPLIFIERS
- [1C](#). SATELLITE TRACKING CONTROLLER
- [1D](#). VOICE CHANNELS NOT LESS THAN 16, DATA CHANNELS NOT  
LESS THAN 8
- [1E](#). POWER REQUIREMENTS 110-240V AC 45-60HZ
- [1F](#). MUST MEET INMARSAT STANDARDS OF B,M, MINI M AND  
THURAYA

[12](#). THE EMBASSY COUNTRY TEAM RECOMMENDS THAT THE U.S.  
GOVERNMENT APPROVES RELEASE OF THE SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS  
MONITORING SYSTEM TO THE GOJ FOR PROCUREMENT THROUGH THE  
FOREIGN MILITARY SALES PROGRAM.

[13](#). THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN PLAYS A PIVOTAL ROLE IN  
THE CONTINUED PEACE OF THE REGION AND MERITS FURTHER U.S.  
ASSISTANCE. THE SYSTEMS IN QUESTION WILL ENABLE JORDAN TO  
DEFEND ITS BORDERS BETTER, TO DETER POTENTIAL TERRORISTS, AND  
TO PREVENT TERRORIST ACTIVITY WITHIN JORDAN'S BORDERS BY  
INTERCEPTING SIGNALS. SUCH A TOOL WOULD PREVENT BOTH SMALL  
AND LARGE-SCALE TERRORIST ACTIVITY BY TAKING AWAY THE  
TERRORIST'S ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE WITH SATELLITE PHONES, A  
TECHNOLOGY USED BY KNOWN TERRORIST GROUPS.

[14](#). JORDAN IS A KEY PLAYER IN THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR AND AS  
SUCH JORDAN IS ALREADY SCHEDULED TO RECEIVE 2 OF EACH VERSION  
2 AN/PRD MOBILE RADAR SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS FROM ANOTHER  
GOVERNMENT AGENCY. THE RELEASE OF THE SATELLITE COMMUNICATION  
S MONITORING SYSTEM WILL IMPROVE JORDAN'S ABILITY TO COMBAT  
AND DETER TERRORISM. THE MORE CAPABLE JORDAN IS IN PROTECTING  
AND SECURING ITS BORDERS, THE MORE EFFECTIVE JORDAN'S EFFORTS  
WILL BE IN DETERRING AGGRESSION AND IN ENHANCING THE  
STABILITY OF OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE REGION.

[15](#). THE JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT CONFIRMED TO THE EMBASSY COUNTRY  
TEAM ITS INTENT TO PROVIDE THESE ITEMS WITH THE SAME DEGREE  
OF SECURITY AS THE U.S. WOULD PROVIDE. IN THE PAST JORDAN HAS  
BEEN A TRUSTWORTHY CUSTODIAN OF SIMILAR SENSITIVE UNITED  
STATES GOVERNMENT TECHNOLOGY AND THE COUNTRY TEAM STRONGLY  
BELIEVES THAT THIS WILL CONTINUE.

[16](#). WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE SIGNIFICANT NEGATIVE REACTION FROM  
ANY REGIONAL STATE, INCLUDING ISRAEL OR SAUDI ARABIA, IN  
RESPONSE TO JORDAN'S ACQUISITION OF THE SATELLITE  
COMMUNICATIONS MONITORING SYSTEM. THE REGIONAL COUNTRIES  
SHARE A MUTUAL INTEREST IN SEEING THAT JORDAN'S MILITARY  
MAINTAINS OR INCREASES ITS DEFENSIVE CAPABILITIES.

[17](#). THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION WILL NOT SIGNIFICANTLY CHANGE THE  
FORCE STRUCTURE OF THE JORDANIAN ARMED FORCES.

[18](#). THE SYSTEMS WOULD BE FUNDED BY FOREIGN MILITARY FINANCING  
(FMF) AND WILL HAVE NO IMPACT ON THE JORDANIAN ECONOMY.

[19](#). IF JORDAN IS ALLOWED TO PROCURE THE SYSTEM, TRAINING ON  
THE SYSTEM WILL BE REQUIRED. THERE WOULD BE NO ADVERSE  
REACTION TO UNITED STATES PERSONNEL CONDUCTING THE TRAINING  
IN JORDAN.

[10](#). WE ARE UNAWARE OF ANY ALLEGATIONS OF GROSS VIOLATIONS OF  
HUMAN RIGHTS BY THE JORDANIAN ARMED FORCES THAT WOULD  
PROHIBIT RELEASE OF THESE ITEMS.

[11](#). POC FOR THIS ACTION IS MAJ W. MARK HUNTHROP, USA, AT  
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